



# Y7 HALF TERMLY BULLETIN - SUMMER 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Year 7's enthusiasm for school life has continued to impress me. Towards the end of last term, many participated in the annual Science Week activities, enjoying making slime, blowing bubbles and firing fireworks! Special congratulations go to Amy Bateman (7Z) who won the Chemistry Poster Competition that ran during the week and to Charlotte Thompson, Isabel Hackney and Sophie Kitchin (all 7Z) whose ingenuity made them the victorious winners of the Egg-tastic competition which involved dropping an egg from a great height without it breaking. They cleverly put a large cushion of newspaper on the bottom of the egg and a double parachute on top so it fell slowly and thus did not break! And staying with the Easter egg theme, Holly Nicholson and Emma Winter (also of 7Z) were the envious finders of the much-prized Golden Egg in the new House Easter Egg Hunt thus winning 50 house points for each of their Houses: Gurney and Grey. They also got to keep the yummy, scrummy golden Lindt egg!

This term too the girls have pulled out the stops, with several pupils in 7X (Sofia Vago, Yvanna Schofield, Kate Hughes and Alicia Harrison) organising a cake sale on the Link to raise money for the Red Cross. Unfortunately, I was not in school that day, but Mrs Heaton told me the cakes were so good she just had to go back for seconds!

The Year 7 have continued to excel in extra-curricular sports with Lucy Dransfield, Verity Parker and India Yardley winning their third Yorkshire Netball medal and Sarah Lee-Liggett won her 100 metres heat which means she will go on to represent the school in the South Yorkshire Schools' Athletics final in June. The girls have also been active in the Arts with those who belong to Singers Club enjoying a trip to the West End to see the musical *Sister Act* and the Year 7 Drama Club and LAMDA Musical Theatre Club entertained everyone at the end of last term with their fantastic performances of *Daisy Pulls it Off* and *Annie* respectively. Pupils in 7W were also hugely successful in the National Young Writers Competition; twenty girls will have the poems they wrote for this published in a new book entitled *Past Poets, Future Writers* which will shortly be arriving in the school's library.

The girls will break up at 3.30 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May for the half-term break although forty will be heading off to Spain before then in the early hours of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. I would like to wish them ¡ Qué lo paséis bien en España! And indeed I hope everyone has a very happy and well deserved break!

Best Wishes,

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Congratulations go to the newly elected Form Leaders and their deputies:

FORM	FORM LEADER	DEPUTY FORM LEADER
7W	Jenna Snook	Gabriella Kocsis
7X	India Yardley	Sofia Vago
7Y	Olivia Molyneux	Sarah Throssell
7Z	Philippa Dakin	Chloe Pryce

## Y7's REVISION TIPS

- Don't leave revision until the last minute
- Take regular breaks to aid concentration and why not factor in a whole break day
- Get together with a friend and test one another
- Have a revision sleepover in the holidays
- Treat yourself – eg have a movie night
- Record your lines for Drama or your vocab for languages to help with learning
- Pretend you're the teacher and explain your work to a younger brother or sister
- BBC Bitesize is a useful revision website

## Internal Examinations: Monday 7<sup>th</sup>-Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June

As we approach the end of this busy half-term, your daughter has probably started revising for the June examinations and whilst we want the girls to be prepared and take the tests seriously, it is also important that they maintain a sense of perspective; no one should be devoting hours of free time to revision. The girls should follow the advice of their subject teachers who will have issued a revision list and recommended approaches to learning their subject content along with other guidance on examination technique. Furthermore, there is plenty of additional support on the VLE where the girls will find a range of learning strategies on the L2L pages and I know their form teachers have also been helping them plan a revision timetable in their fortnightly PSHE lessons.

## SILVER STARS!



This is a new award that we introduced last term for girls who have shown particular thoughtfulness towards their fellow classmates. The girls themselves, in negotiation with their Form Prefects, decide who is deserving of the Silver Star. So far 20 have been awarded which just goes to show how altruistic this year group is! They haven't sought public acknowledgement but congratulations go to:

**7W:** Jenna Snook and a joint star to Gabriella Kocsis and Ella Liversidge;

**7X:** Emma Dunn, Laura McMahon, Rosa Mobayen, Sophie Rodgers, Emily Roebuck, Yvanna Schofield, Henrietta Shirtcliffe and Nicole Vasey.

**7Y:** Megan Cave, Eva Coley, Siobhan Francis, Aliji N – Garvis and Temilolu Ogunjimi.

**7Z:** Jemima Edwards, Umara Malik, Holly Nicholson and Chloe Pryce